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SUBJECT: TREATY NEGOTIATIONS - MEDIA PLAY

1. MEDIA TREATMENT OF TREATY NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUES LIGHT. MOST PROMINENT ITEMS ARE SEVERAL REPORTS FILED FROM U.S. BY LUIS NOLI, WHICH ARE NORMALLY CARRIED AS LEADS IN "ESTRELLA" AND "STAR AND HERALD"--MOST RECENT HAVE DEALT WITH WEST COAST TRIP OF AMBASSADOR LEWIS AND LOPEZ-GUEVARA. DIRECT COMMENT HAS BEEN NIL. WIRE SERVICE ITEMS FROM U.S. REPORTING RESUMPTION OF TALKS HAVE RECEIVED ONLY ROUTINE COVERAGE.

2. ON JUNE 23, IT WAS ANNOUNCED THAT AT A LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL MEETING THAT MORNING, TORRIJOS PERSONALLY DESIGNATED PRESIDENTS OF TWO UNIONS REPRESENTING PANAMANIAN CITIZENS IN CANAL ZONE TO GO TO WASHINGTON AS "ADVISERS" TO PANAMANIAN NEGOTIATORS. THOSE NAMED WERE LUIS ANDERSON AND SATURNIN MAUGE, HEADS OF LOCAL 907 AND LOCAL 900, RESPECTIVELY, OF AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES.

3. ACCORDING TO ANNOUNCEMENT, THESE TWO WILL FORM PART

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OF A SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE FOR LABOR AFFAIRS TOGETHER WITH TWO U.S. LEADERS CHOSEN BY AFL-CIO. THEY ARE TO ADVISE, SAID THE ANNOUNCEMENT, "WHEN THE DISCUSSION AT THE NEGOTIATING TABLE TURNS TO THE STATUS OF PANAMANIAN WORKERS IN THE CANAL ZONE AFTER THE SIGNING OF A NEW TREATY". (FULL TEXT FBIS/PANAMA PA 231807Y.)

4. ANNOUNCEMENT, ATTRIBUTED TO NATIONAL INFORMATION COMMISSION, WAS READ ON RADIO ON JUNE 23 AND APPEARED WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION ON FRONT PAGE OF AFTERNOON "REPUBLICA" FOR THAT DAY. IT IS NOT MENTIONED IN MORNING PRESS FOR JUNE 24.

5. IN RELATED MINOR KEY, SEVERAL COLUMNISTS HAVE CALLED ATTENTION TO A RECENT RESOLUTION REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN PASSED BY HISTORY STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF PANAMA. THIS IS SAID TO ALLEGE THAT "ZONIANS" ARE PREPARING TO "STEAL" THE PANAMA COLLECTION AT THE PANCANAL LIBRARY-MUSEUM AND SEND IT TO U.S. SAYING THAT THIS COLLECTION IS A NECESSARY PART OF PANAMA'S HISTORICAL HERITAGE, THE STUDENTS CALL ON THE GOVERNMENT TO OBTAIN ITS TRANSFER TO PANAMA. FYI: SOME WEEKS AGO, EMBASSY RECEIVED A DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY REQUESTING PERMISSION TO MICROFILM THIS COLLECTION. THIS REQUEST IS PENDING WITH PANCANAL. REPORTS ON STUDENTS' RESOLUTION MAKES NO MENTION OF SUCH A REQUEST.

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